(c) whether Centre also proposes to allocate some special grants/ package, in view of Rajasthan being a desert State, having a sensitive porous 1040 Km. long strategic international border with Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces has been revised by the Government in 2005-06. Under the revised scheme, the States have been re-categorized into category "A" and category"B" with 100%, and 75% Central funding respectively. The consequence of the re-categorization is that the total Central annual allocation has been enhanced to Rs. 1645.00 crore from Rs. 1400 crore in the previous year. However due to large unspent balance of Central funds from the previous years lying with the States, the budgetary allocation for the Scheme in 2005-06 is Rs. 900 crore. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 29.75 crore has been released (partly in cash and partly in kind) to the State Government of Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Rajasthan and Gujarat are being provided special assistance for desert policing.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.

Training on Jungle Warfare in naxal affected States

†358. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked to train policemen in all the naxal affected States in "Jungle Warfare";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Central Government will provide financial assistance to the States for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the 19th meeting of the Coordination Centre held in New Delhi on 13-01-2006 with the Chief

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Secretaries and DGPs of the naxal affected States, they were asked to take immediate steps for imparting training to the police personnel engaged in anti-naxaiite operation in Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare. For this purpose training facilities/expertise of CPOs are being made available to the naxal affected States.

(c) The expenditure incurred on training is covered under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme of the Central Government.

Investment in civil aviation sector by PIO

359. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has opposed the move to allow the Persons of Indian Origin to invest in civil aviation sector as has been allowed for NRIs;

(b) what are the reasons for raising objections by the Ministry when the other Ministries such as External Affairs, Overseas Indian Affairs, Consumer Affairs, Law and Justice and the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry have agreed to the proposal;

(c) does it mean the Government is not equating PIOs with NRIs; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Home Affairs, has in this case, pointed out that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 49% in the Civil Aviation sector has been pegged keeping in view the national security interests and the need to retain the ownership and management control of the sector in the hands of Indian, Civil Aviation being a sensitive sector. As of now, the Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) are not Indian citizens. As such, the Ministry has not favoured grant of 100% FDI in this sector by PIOs from the security angle.